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## WANTS HUGHES LEADER'S VIEWS

Meyer Says Justice's Silence Should Make Tanner Talk.

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THE SUPREME ISSUE

Not Time to Take Any Candidate on Faith, He Declares.

An appeal to Frederick C. Tanner, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and one of the leaders of the Hughes boom, asking him to tell where he stands on the issues of preparedness and Americanism, was made yesterday by George von L. Meyer, chairman of the Republican Roosevelt Committee.

In view of the persistent silence of the Supreme Court justice, Mr. Meyer says that it is incumbent upon Mr. Tanner to interpret the issues of the campaign. The statement, which contains several pertinent questions, was issued just before the Roosevelt spokesman left for Chicago.

"I understand that Mr. Tanner is the real leader of the Hughes boom," said Mr. Meyer. "Mr. Tanner is experienced in public matters, and no doubt has a well matured opinion as to the issues upon which the voters will decide in the election. Nevertheless, my attention has not thus far been called to any expression on Mr. Tanner's part dealing with the issues. On these he apparently is as silent as his candidate, although he has no such reason for reticence as Mr. Hughes has."

Is Americanism the Supreme Issue? "I should like to ask Mr. Tanner whether he regards Americanism and preparedness (of the kind, for instance, urged by Mr. Roosevelt in his Detroit speech) as the supreme issue, or does he think the voters have their minds fixed on something else—the tariff or partisan politics or some other questions?" Does Mr. Tanner urge Justice Hughes as the best candidate to put forward on the issue of Americanism or does he select him as his favorite because he thinks when the final test comes the electorate will apply some other test to the candidate nominated?

"If Mr. Tanner does regard Americanism as the real issue and favors Justice Hughes as the best exponent of a firm policy in upholding national honor at home and abroad, has he any information not vouchsafed to the public bearing upon his candidate's attitude on these issues? If so, is it not due to the public, and especially to Republicans, to share this information with them?"

Mr. Meyer declared he had come to the conclusion that Justice Hughes's candidacy, without his consent, had been espoused by some Republicans who did not favor a strong position either by the party or by the country on the issue of preparedness and our rights on the high seas and on our border.

No Time to Take Candidate on Faith. "Justice Hughes's silence has rendered this possible, regardless of his real views," said Mr. Meyer. "Those of us who feel deeply on the question of a firm assertion of our Americanism, both at home and abroad, do not feel that any candidate can be taken on faith at such a time. Certainly, this would be impossible when both the candidate, and even his active supporters, are silent on the questions which will necessarily arise."

Chairman Meyer will take charge at the headquarters of the Republican Roosevelt Committee in Chicago today. He will actively conduct the fight for Colonel Roosevelt's nomination by the convention.

Harry S. Joseph, one of the delegates from Utah to the Republican National Convention, was a visitor at the committee headquarters at the Hotel Biltmore yesterday. He declared that Roosevelt was the only man who could carry Utah for the Republicans.

New Jersey's Committee.

Bird W. Spencer, president of the People's Party and Trust Company, of Passaic, as temporary chairman of the Roosevelt Republican Committee in New Jersey has called a meeting of the committee at the Essex Club, at Newark, for to-morrow night. Several of the New Jersey delegates to the Chicago Convention, headed by William A. Lord, of Orange, have announced that they will give their votes to Colonel Roosevelt on the first ballot.

The membership of the New Jersey committee includes, in addition to Mr. Spencer and Mr. Lord, John S. V. S. Muzzy, Frank B. Jess, ex-Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly and member of the State Tax Board; Mayor Clarence E. F. Hetrick, of Ashbury Park; ex-Senator William J. Bradley, of Camden; Hiram Chubb, of Orange; Henry Reuterdahl, of Union Hill; Nelson G. Gaskill, of Trenton; James C. Boyd, of Montclair; W. A. Loveland, of Englewood; and Edgar Williamson, editor of "The

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One of the members recently added to the committee is Douglas Herr, of Caldwell. Mr. Herr is a nephew of Lindsey Garrison, ex-Secretary of War.

## MOOSE LEADERS SOUND WHITMAN

Perkins and Straus Seek His Position if Hughes Boom Blows Up.

George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee of the Progressive National Committee, and Oscar S. Straus, who ran for Governor on the Moose ticket, held an hour's conference with Governor Whitman at the St. Regis yesterday. While they refused to go into detail, all three acknowledged that the political situation had been the subject of conversation.

There was no doubt in the minds of the politicians, however, that the two Progressives talked Roosevelt good and hard to the Governor. They were anxious to find out where he might stand if the Hughes boom blew up in Chicago. Asked if the Governor's name had figured in the conference, Governor Whitman avoided a direct answer by declaring that he was still for Justice Hughes, and hoped to see him nominated.

"Did you discuss with the Governor whether the Progressives of this state would endorse him for re-nomination?" Mr. Perkins was asked.

"We did not come within forty miles of that subject," he replied.

Hughes's Strength in Doubt. In certain political circles it is said that Governor Whitman would go far to assure his re-nomination and re-election as Governor. The Progressive vote would be an important asset in the campaign.

Aside from the possibilities of what Governor Whitman might do if Justice Hughes was not nominated, considerable uncertainty has developed recently as to just what the Hughes strength is in the New York delegation. Some of the avowed Hughes delegates are said to be under suspicion by certain of the justice's boosters. It is understood that the latter have been unable to get a definite "showdown" as to the Hughes strength, even from the delegates who are most openly advocating his candidacy.

The Hughes men have persistently claimed a large majority of the eighty-seven delegates, but Frederick C. Tanner, state chairman, and others are said to have admitted recently that at least forty of the delegates would be for Elihu Root. This cuts the Hughes strength down to seven, about the number claimed unreservedly for Roosevelt.

What the rest of the so-called Hughes delegates might do, in case their candidates missed the nomination, is a source of worry to the Root-"old guard" contingency.

Governor Whitman expected to confer with Mr. Tanner yesterday. The conference was postponed, however, because of the appointment with the Progressive leaders. Mr. Tanner will meet the Governor in Albany to-morrow and accompany him to Oneida.

From there they will go to Lockport Friday and to Buffalo Saturday. Leaving Buffalo Saturday night, they will travel together to Chicago.

Kirchwey Makes Plea. Warden George W. Kirchwey of Sing Sing called on the Governor and urged him to commute the sentence of Genaro Mazzeo, an Italian boy under sentence of death for murder. Mr. Kirchwey said it was the first appeal he had ever made for a young man's life and that the plea was well merited.

He told the Governor that Judge Manning, before whom Mazzeo was tried in Brooklyn, and ex-District Attorney Crosey, who prosecuted the case, joined him. The Governor agreed to study the papers.

Warden Kirchwey said he expected to leave Sing Sing soon, when Thomas Mott Osborne would return as warden. He said he would not go back to his former post as dean of the Law School of Columbia, but expected to devote the rest of his life to writing and the study of criminology.

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